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SUBJECT: MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION

FOLLOWING MESSAGE RECEIVED FROM LIAISON OFFICER,
RIYADH:

1. RECENT NEWSPAPER ARTICLE REPORTS THAT MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION, CREATED IN OCTOBER 1975, WILL NOW ASSUME AUTHORITY OVER THE VARIOUS UNIVERSITIES IN SAUDI ARABIA. THESE INCLUDE THE RIYADH UNIVERSITY, KING ABDUL AZIZ UNIVERSITY, UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM AND MINERALS, MUSLIM UNIVERSITY OF IMAM MOHAMMED IBN SAUD AND THE ISLAMIC UNIVERSITY. MINISTER OF HIGHER EDUCATION WILL NOW HAVE TITLE OF SUPREME PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITIES. REORGANIZATION ALSO TRANSFERS RESPONSIBILITY FOR EDUCATIONAL MISSIONS ABROAD AND EDUCATIONAL ATTACHES TO MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION.

2. COMMENT: KNOWLEDGEABLE SOURCES SEE THIS REORGANIZATION AS INDICATION NEW MINISTRY HAS "TAKEN HOLD" AND IS NOW ATTEMPTING ASSERT SOME INFLUENCE OVER UNIVERSITIES IN THE KINGDOM. TRANSFER OF EDUCATIONAL MISSIONS TO MINISTRY OF HIGHER EDUCATION INCLUDES SAUDI EDUCATION OFFICE IN HOUSTON.
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